

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 9, 2006 has been carefully considered. Claims 16-36 are pending. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled in this Response. Claims 16-36 are new and are added in this Response. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-15 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) §§ 806.05(d). The Examiner identified seven groups of Claims: Group I (Claims 1, 3, 4), Group II (Claims 2, 13), Group III (Claim 5), Group IV (Claims 6, 9, 14), Group V (Claims 7, 9, 15), Group VI (Claims 8, 9), and Group VII (Claims 10, 11, 12). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's characterization of the Claims. However, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-15, rendering moot the Examiner's restriction. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction be withdrawn.

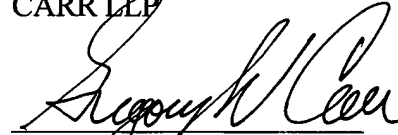
New Claims 16-36 have been added in this Response. Support for Claims 16-36 can be found, among other places, at Page 6, line 4, through Page 9, line 9 of the original Application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of new Claims 16-36.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due; however, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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